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Colorado native no longer proud

As a formerly proud native Coloradan, I feel that I must make some response to the passage of Amendment 2. Notice, I said "formerly proud."

I am quite shocked and ashamed of my home state sending a message to the rest of the country and the world that our state is now a place where discrimination and prejudice have a home.

I am also dismayed to think that the majority of voters who helped to pass this hateful amendment are newcomers and transplants to a place that used to be the home of tolerance, intelligence and diversity. I am aware that many of those voters didn't see through or were unaware of the hatred that was behind Amendment 2, because the supporters were very sly at making sure that they played on people's fears.

The supporters played mainly on the fear of "the other." Namely, anyone who is different or not like us is therefore, and necessarily, wrong. Because they are considered wrong, they therefore must be destroyed. Well, face it, folks, you have essentially destroyed the lives of a whole group of people.

— **Gail Sanford**
Colorado Springs

Opponents of 2 were intolerant

I find it fascinating that the large picture on page B3 of the Nov. 5 Gazette Telegraph showed the typical "politically correct" Equal Protection Campaign gathering at Poor Richard's. How could the failing position get any greater coverage?

In addition to the socially correct picture on page B3, the boldface inset again attempted to make Colorado for Family Values appear to be made up of religious and right-wing radicals. When 53 percent of the state votes in favor of a measure, the "out-of-touch" are actually in the 47 percent.

I do not, for one minute, gloat over this victory. Much misinformation has been spread (and continues to be spread) about those who back CFV and the nature of this amendment. The fight has only begun, as typified by Rep. Ruth Wright of Boulder: "We will take it to the Supreme Court and find it unconstitutional," she said tearfully. Heart-wrenching, certainly.

Wright continued: "I don't want to live in a state or represent a state in the Legislature that has hate as its motto. We will prevail."

Ruth has much to learn about hate if she thinks it comes from CFV. CFV first contacted EPOC (before it was called EPOC) last year in an attempt to agree to a "No Room For Hate" campaign — stick to the issues and facts. EPOC did not respond, though the attempt was made by CFV several times. Apparently that campaign slogan was not in EPOC's campaign plans or best interest.

Driving to work on Monday before the election, I noticed a number of "Vote YES on 2" signs along the roadside. On Tuesday, I could see torn-up signs and "Vote NO on 2" signs in their place. Remind me again, who is intolerant?

— **Van Martin**
Colorado Springs

Old myths teach life's lessons

I would like to publicly thank Fred Wall, the superintendent of the Woodland Park schools, for his courageous stand against the parents who would remove the teaching of mythology from Woodland Park. I read in the Gazette Telegraph that Judge Campbell threw the parents' lawsuit out as frivolous and groundless. Hopefully, because of that ruling, the school district was awarded its attorney's fees and costs in defending the case, especially when the schools are facing an economically tough time.

Apparently, it was not enough for the parents filing suit that their children were allowed to drop the class; they wanted mythology out of the schools. It takes courage to stand up to parents who would limit the school curriculum to meet their own standards. In a similar situation, District 20 rather quickly withdrew its "New Age" reading series developed to enhance children's self esteem when faced with angry parents in Rockrimmon.

Christians believe that the Bible is the word of God. Other religions believe their holy books or oral tradition contain the word of their God or gods. I am not an expert on myth or religion, but it is my distinct impression that the words and actions of gods in myth and other religions were meant to explain the human condition and to guide and influence the behavior of the populace for the betterment of the society. The Bible does the same.

There are lessons to be learned everywhere, and many of the lessons are the same. It saddens me to

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"I, too, was a ski bum when I got here 30 years ago, with no money in my pocket," he said. "Everybody seems to think that success just happens, but Vail gave me a wonderful opportunity, and I took advantage of it."

During the campaign Slifer espoused a strong reliance on private enterprise to achieve public good while Johnson said government is the agent of change.

Johnson, a 13-year resident of Vail, said his election seems to be a mandate to "bring government closer to the people."

His plans include buying a car to get to the far corners of the county.

And, he figures he won't need all of the $41,000 salary, so he'll give $5,000 a year to a scholarship fund for local students.

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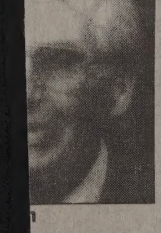

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LEE EMERSON McINTYRE, 86, formerly of Colorado Springs, died Nov. 7, 1992. He was the founder of Fremont General Corp.

Private services are scheduled. Cabot and Sons Funeral Directors, Pasadena, Calif., is handling arrangements.

Mr. McIntyre was born March 7, 1906, in Colorado Springs.

He attended Colorado College and was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Mr. McIntyre was married to Maurine Honey McIntyre, who survives.

He also is survived by two sons, James Albert and David Lee; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Alumni Association, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

CHRIST ANDREW MANEOTIS, 40, of Colorado Springs died Nov. 8, 1992, at a local hospice. He worked in circulation at the Gazette Telegraph and also had worked on his father's sheep ranch.

No services are scheduled. Cremation is planned. Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd., is handling arrangements.

Mr. Maneotis was born June 18, 1952, in Steamboat Springs to Andrew and Mary (Wilson) Maneotis.

He had lived in Colorado Springs for 10 years.

Mr. Maneotis is survived by four brothers, Tommy, John, Tony and Andy, all of Craig; and two sisters, Bess Brown of Hertel, Wis., and Adrienne Reeves of Craig.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pikes Peak Hospice, 3630 Sinton Road, Suite 302, Colorado Springs 80907.

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FRYER, Barbra "Lorene", 11 a.m., Friendship Assembly of God, 5235 E. Palmer Park Blvd.

MARTIN, Emma G., 1 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 631 N. Tejon St.

STONE, Edna F., 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Victor.

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